

FIRE CLEARANCE REQUESTS FOR ALCOHOLISM OR DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY TREATMENT FACILITIES (R-6'S)

There are two recent changes in State law which affect your procedures in processing a fire clearance, (Standard Form 850, Fire Safety Inspection Request) from the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) for licensed Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery Treatment Facilities. The first involves how you will be receiving inspection requests. The second, on how to fill out the fire clearance form.

In the past, when a prospective licensee submitted a licensing application, ADP in turn requested a fire clearance from you, the local fire authority. An inspection was then conducted relative to the number and ambulatory status of the clients, based upon the information the provider submitted on their application. However, Assembly Bill 2160 (Chapter 741, Statutes of 1993) changed Section 11834.03 of the Health and Safety Code. This section deals with the documentation to be submitted by the prospective licensee to ADP.

Now, a person or entity applying for licensure must submit to ADP a Standard Form 850 approved by the local fire authority with their application. In other words, it is up to the provider to obtain an approved fire clearance before submitting the licensing package to ADP. You will now be contacted directly by the provider to obtain an approved fire clearance.

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs is also requesting that local fire inspectors indicate the maximum allowable capacity, **Including dependent children**, in the "Total Capacity" block on the Standard Form 850. Approving the maximum acceptable occupancy of the facility will help assure the safety of children residing in ADP licensed facilities. Children residing in ADP facilities are under the supervision of their parent(s) and are not receiving recovery services as defined in ADP's licensing regulations.

When filling out the Fire Safety Inspection Request, you must specify on the form the number of beds for ambulatory residents and the number of beds for nonambulatory clearances, such as limitation to specific bedrooms or the use of only certain floors. As a reminder, a local jurisdiction may not enforce any fire and panic safety regulation in an ADP facility unless the regulation has been adopted by the State Fire Marshal.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of the Fire Safety Inspection Request form for ADP facilities, please contact.

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